

Sergeant William Parker received two Purple Hearts, one Bronze Star, a Good Conduct Ribbon and Sharp Shooter Ribbon. He answered the call to defend freedom across the globe and sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. He continues to serve our country, community, and his fellow World War II veterans. It is my honor to recognize Sergeant William Parker as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's June Veteran of the Month.

HONORING EMMA SANDERS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable leader, Emma Sanders.

Known as one of the "unofficial" slate of Black Mississippians who sought to displace the nonrepresentative all-white delegation at the 1964 Democratic National Convention, Emma Sanders became active force in the civil rights movement in Mississippi. She was one of the people who helped organize local citizens and some of the 700 or so young people from the North who flooded Mississippi to help Black citizens surmount Jim Crow-era barriers that had kept their voter registration at 7 percent of those eligible.

She graduated from Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College (now Alcorn State University) in Lorman, Miss., the nation's first Black land grant college, and studied toward a master's degree in business at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Mrs. Sanders taught in Jefferson County, Miss., and in Jackson, and later served as the executive director of Hinds County community action programs. While working as an assistant to Representative Wayne Dowdy, a Mississippi Democrat, she played a role in the naming of the first federal building in the nation for a Black person, the Dr. A.H. McCoy Federal Building in Jackson, which honored a local dentist, insurance executive, and civic leader.

Mrs. Sanders would live to witness great progress on civil rights, but one breakthrough that she had hoped for—the removal of the Confederate battle emblem from Mississippi's state flag—would not occur until four days after her death.

Sanders, who was 91, died in her home on June 24, 2020.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Emma Sanders for her dedication to the civil rights movement in the State of Mississippi.

HONORING BRAD HILTSCHER OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, we join together to honor the long career of public

service provided to the people of Southern California by Brad Hiltcher of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

There is no issue that is more controversial for California Members of Congress than water policy. The very complicated details of California water policy have the ability to divide us by party, by geography, and by industry.

One of the few things that California Members do agree on is our deep gratitude for the invaluable expertise we have received from Mr. Hiltcher over the past 35 years. We are happy that he is moving on to a much deserved retirement at the end of this month, but we will greatly miss the reservoir of knowledge that he has provided to our offices.

Brad has provided policy advice that has been at the forefront of the water debates and legislation that the Congress has produced over the past 3 decades. He helped Congress enact Safe Drinking Water reauthorizations, the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act, the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project, the California Bay-Delta Restoration Act, the Hoover Dam Reauthorization Act, the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan Authorization Act, and many more pieces of important water legislation in the West. Brad's talent is that he is able to break down these very complex issues involving historic water rights, urban water usage, endangered species, infrastructure, interstate agreements, federal programs, and the hundreds of water agencies in the West quickly and concisely. He has provided invaluable insight to Members of Congress and has always done so by advocating for the best interests of Southern California.

Brad is trusted by both sides of the aisle for being fair and honest, which has been demonstrated by the way he conducts bipartisan briefings and gives both sides the same policy message without politics.

Mr. Hiltcher has been an invaluable resource to us, our staff, and those of numerous other Members with his expert analysis and advice that has informed our legislative work. But we will not only miss his knowledge, we will miss his kindness and friendship on Capitol Hill.

I ask our colleagues to join me, Rep. CALVERT, and Sen. FEINSTEIN in congratulating Brad Hiltcher on his retirement, and thanking him for his long career of public service to the people of Southern California.

TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF WILLIAM C. DEMENT, M.D., PH.D.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. William C. Dement, a distinguished Stanford scientist and professor who died on June 17, 2020, at the age of 91.

Known as "The Father of Sleep Medicine", Dr. Dement made unparalleled contributions to the field of sleep medicine. Dr. Dement's contributions to sleep research include the association of REM sleep with dreaming; the neuropharmacology of sleep; the quantification and causes of daytime sleepiness; the pathophysiology and genetics of narcolepsy;

the assessment of jet lag and other circadian disorders; the behavioral and cardiovascular impact of sleep apnea; and pharmacotherapy for insomnia.

Dr. Dement was an ardent supporter of insurance coverage for sleep analysis and treatment, and advocated widely and effectively about the dangers of sleep deprivation and need for sufficient sleep for students, drivers and others, and he had a deep impact on the lives of the Stanford University students who enrolled in his iconic Sleep and Dreams course.

Dr. Dement founded the Stanford Sleep Disorders Clinic and helped to establish the professional society that is now the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, and additional professional organizations such as the Sleep Research Society. He was often seen on Capitol Hill in his role as Chairman of the National Commission on Sleep Disorders Research. The cornerstone recommendation of the National Commission was the establishment of the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research, and in 1993, during the reauthorization bill for the National Institutes of Health, Congress followed through with the statutory establishment of the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research at NIH's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Madam Speaker, I consider myself fortunate to be among those who knew Dr. Dement and benefited from his wise counsel and his warm friendship. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life and contributions of Dr. William C. Dement and in extending our sincere condolences to his two daughters, Elizabeth and Catherine, his son Nick, his son-in-law Gary, and six grandchildren. Dr. Dement bettered our community and strengthened our country by a life lived well and with high purpose for so many.

IN HONOR OF INDIANA BLACK EXPO'S 50TH SUMMER CELEBRATION ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise in celebration of Indiana Black Expo's 50th Summer Celebration Anniversary.

Since 1970, Indiana Black Expo has served as a catalyst for social and economic advancement for African American Hoosiers. Founded by a volunteer group of civic leaders with a view to expand opportunities for small, minority businesses, the organization has evolved into a robust entity with a statewide infrastructure of 12-chapter affiliates. The Summer Celebration, held in the heart of the 7th Congressional District in Indianapolis, is a festival that embraces the change and growth of our community. Through a variety of workshops, concerts and exhibitions, the series of events provides resources, information and entertainment celebrating Black culture. In these trying times—during a global health crisis and institutionalized violence disproportionately impacting Black lives—Indiana Black Expo's vision of cultural diversity and inclusiveness is increasingly important. The growing need to shine a light on our community's success and voice is evident, and organizations like Indiana Black Expo continue to create a platform for this work.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our thanks and best wishes to an organization that has created countless change and done so much for residents of the Hoosier state. I extend a heart-felt congratulations on this milestone anniversary and wish Indiana Black Expo another 50 years of success.

**MITCH McCUMBER RETIRES
AFTER 22 YEARS OF SERVICE**

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a great man and citizen of Southwest Missouri, Mr. Mitch McCumber, as he celebrates his upcoming retirement. For the last 22 years, Mitch has served as the CEO and General Manager of New-Mac Electric Cooperative and will have the longest tenure of any CEO or General Manager in the co-op's history.

New-Mac Electric Cooperative was incorporated in 1939 and serves nearly 18,000 member accounts primarily in Newton, McDonald, and Jasper counties. Under Mitch's leadership, New-Mac has enjoyed steady growth, and many of his colleagues contend that it would not be where it is today without Mitch's strong leadership.

Mitch is a certified public accountant and worked for a number of CPA firms before he joined the New-Mac team. He began his career with the co-op in January of 1995, rising to the general manager position in 1998.

McCumber is also an active member of his community where he lives with his wife, Becky, and has served on numerous boards and civic organizations including KAMO Power, Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives, Missouri Southern State University, Freeman Health Systems, Freeman Neosho Hospital, Community Bank and Trust, Consumer Electric Power Association, and Neosho Chamber of Commerce. He has served as the chairman for many of the aforementioned boards, and he is a member of both the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts and the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accounts.

I wish Mitch the very best as he embarks on this new chapter of life and I am grateful for his service to his community.

**TRIBUTE TO 1ST LIEUTENANT
DAVID JOHN SCHMITZ**

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a hero and true American patriot, United States Air Force First Lieutenant David John Schmitz. Today we ask that the House of Representatives honor and remember this incredible young man who died in service to our country.

1st Lt. Schmitz was born in Santa Barbara, California on February 17, 1988 to Brian and Sherrie Schmitz. At the age of only 17, 1st Lt. Schmitz earned his private pilot's license

marking the start to his career in aviation. He attended San Diego State University where he enrolled in the University's Air Force ROTC program in hopes of becoming an Air Force pilot. His success in the program was evident and before completing his degree he enlisted in the United States Air Force.

His first duty station was as a loadmaster and instructor on a C-17 cargo plane where he participated in critical missions, such as delivering supplies to troops on the ground in Afghanistan and Iraq. It was during his time as a loadmaster that he met the love of his life and his future wife, Valerie Rudolph. With Valerie living in New Mexico and David stationed in Tacoma, Washington, the two began their relationship, which they navigated through long-distance and two deployments. They were married in 2013.

1st Lt. Schmitz completed his undergraduate degree through Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, keeping up his studies even while deployed. Once he completed his degree, 1st Lt. Schmitz earned a slot as a fighter pilot and was commissioned through Officer Training School. He completed his undergraduate pilot training with high honors and earned numerous accolades.

His great success led him to be selected to fly F-16 aircraft at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, South Carolina. On June 30, 2020, 1st Lt. Schmitz was tragically killed when his F-16 crashed during a training mission. He is survived by his wife Valerie, their dog Toby, his parents Brian and Sherrie Schmitz, sister Laura Schmitz (Issac Stewart), and his grandmother Louise Schmitz, along with numerous relatives and friends.

As we look at the incredibly rich military history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men and women, just like 1st Lt. Schmitz, who bravely fought for the ideals of freedom and democracy. Each story is unique and humbling for those of us who, far from the dangers they have faced, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. The day the Schmitz family learned of their husband, son, and brother's death was probably the hardest day they have ever faced, and our thoughts, prayers and deepest condolences go out to them. His sacrifice is forever etched in our nation's great history of freedom triumphing over oppression. 1st Lt. Schmitz's family has given a part of themselves in the loss of their loved one and we hope they know that the goodness he brought to this world and the sacrifice he has made will never be forgotten.

HONORING RICHARD BURGESON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Richard Dennis Burgeson of Bonita Springs, Florida passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 31, 2020, at the age of 74.

Born on January 18, 1946, in Oak Park, Illinois, Rich was the youngest of three sons to Gunnar and Alice Burgeson. Rich attended college at Bradley University in Illinois with his high school sweetheart, Maria Vorgias. Upon graduation from Bradley, Rich went on to teach 5th Grade in Oak Park. He married Maria on July 20, 1968 and they settled into

their home in Hinsdale, Illinois. After teaching for several years, Rich went to work at the Burgeson family business, Albin Carlson Company, a successful road construction company based in Illinois. Rich worked as the Chief Financial Officer at Albin Carlson until the family sold the business in 2005 and Rich retired. He and Maria moved to the Copperleaf Community in Bonita Springs, Florida soon thereafter where Rich was able to focus on his golf game and pursue his life long passion of boating. He was an active member of the Copperleaf Community and served on various committees within Copperleaf. Rich was a loving husband, father, father-in-law, and friend, but most importantly a loving grandfather. Nothing made his eyes light up more than when he was able to spend time with his four grandchildren.

Rich is survived by his wife, Maria Burgeson of Bonita Springs, Florida; son Eric Burgeson, daughter-in-law Christine Burgeson, granddaughters Caroline and Olivia; Danielle Burgeson Cashman, son-in-law Brendan Cashman, granddaughter Maeve and grandson Liam; his brother Donald Burgeson and his wife Norma; and his sister-in-law Mary Ann Burgeson. Rich was preceded in death by his parents, Gunnar and Alice Burgeson, and his brother Glenn Burgeson. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Richard Burgeson's name to the Copperleaf Charitable Foundation. Donations will be used to support local charities in the area. The Copperleaf Charitable Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Please send donations to: Copperleaf Charitable Foundation, Inc. ("In Memory of Richard Burgeson" 23101 Copperleaf Boulevard, Estero, Florida, 34135.

**IN CELEBRATION OF THE ROSIE
THE RIVETER ROSE GARDEN**

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 13, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedication of the Rosie the Riveter Rose Garden at the McFadden Ross House in Dearborn, Michigan.

Rosie the Riveter is one of the most iconic images of female ingenuity, perseverance, and strength. As widespread male enlistment left gaping holes in the industrial labor force during World War II, the Rosie the Riveter campaign was launched to recruit female workers to join the wartime labor force and fill the gaps in male-dominated industries. The bandana-clad Rosie flashing her bicep quickly became one of the most successful recruiting tools in American history. Inspiring a "We Can Do It!" attitude among women across the country, the campaign prompted an estimated five million civilian women to enter the defense industry and commercial sector. Known as the "Rosies," the powerful women produced airplanes, ammunitions, and warships on a massive scale. They worked as riveters, sanders, welders, assembly line workers, Red Cross volunteers, and so much more.

The dedication of the Rosie the Riveter Rose Garden exemplifies our community's continued admiration for the Rosies and how important they are to Michigan's story. As part